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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

It is said the President has decided to appoint W. D. Crum, colored, collector of the port of Charleston, S. C. —— Senator Pritchard underwent a surgical operation in hospital at Washington yesterday. —— At Natchez, Miss., a six-year-old boy, in defence of his mother, shot and killed his step-father. —— Burglars robbed the postoffice at Big Stone Gap, Va. —— The Senate yesterday continued discussion of the Statehood bill. —— The Venezuelan situation has grown so acute that both the State and Navy Department officials are agreed that it will not be unwise to rendezvous Admiral Dewey's warships at ports within easy range of Venezuelan coast during the holidays. —— It is stated that as the allied powers have agreed to assist each other in pressing claims against Venezuela the reply of Germany, Great Britain and Italy in regard to arbitration should be unanimous; the German idea is that it is too late to arbitrate; Great Britain threatens further coercive measures against Venezuela. —— Gen. George Moorman, adjutant general of the United Confederate Veterans, died suddenly in New Orleans last night. —— Three cases of bubonic plague are under treatment at the New York quarantine hospital. —— N. Y. markets: Money on call steady at 4@6 per cent.; cotton quiet at 8.65c; flour was steady and easier; wheat—spot easy, No. 2 82½c; corn—spot quiet, No. 2 64c; oats—spot dull, No. 2 37½c; rosin firm; spirits turpentine firm and quiet at 54½@54½c.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE,
WEATHER BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 16.

Meteorological data for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 P. M.:

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 63 degrees; 8 P. M., 66 degrees; maximum, 72 degrees; minimum, 48 degrees; mean, 60 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .01; rainfall since 1st of month to date, 2 37.

Stage of water in the Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, N. C., at 8 A. M. Monday 15.2 feet and falling.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—For North Carolina—Fair Wednesday; colder except in extreme west portion; fresh west winds; Thursday fair.

Port Almanac---December 17.

Sun Rises	7.04 A. M.
Sun Sets	4.47 P. M.
Day's Length	9 H. 45 M.
High Water at Southport	9.25 A. M.
High Water Wilmington	11.55 A. M.

It is said that the Mexicans will keep up the silver fight. Having as many silver mines as that country has, they will show little gumption if they don't.

The French sardine catch has been short this year, but we will have an abundance of "French sardines," all the same, if the Maine fishermen have had their usual luck.

Benjamin Kidd, who has been travelling through British South Africa, and doing more or less exploring, says it is a richer country than the Western half of the United States.

A Frenchman is said to have invented a noiseless gun. He ought to be encouraged in supplying a long felt want. We want something like that for the boys to celebrate Christmas, the Fourth of July, etc., with.

A Kansas young man who owns a farm and wants a wife is putting himself up to be rafled for Christmas, at 25 cents a chance, and says he will marry the woman, white or black, who draws the prize. When she gets him she will get a prize fool.

Out of one hundred and twenty Illinois editors interrogated by the Chicago *Tribune* as to how they stood on the ship subsidy business, only twelve were square out for it; but they let all sorts of cranks run at large out there, and also run newspapers.

An American banker who runs a branch shop in Paris, asked the boys what he should send them for a Christmas present when he got home and the last one of them yelled out, "send us some real native American apples; we haven't seen anything but base counterfeits since we have been on this side," and when he got home he sent them ten barrels.

The food inspectors in Illinois have caught onto some "Pure clover honey" which never saw any clover nor any honey. It is an imitation made of glucose, which is good enough in its place, but isn't any relation to honey. Lots of people were eating that stuff and thought they were regaling themselves with the product of the busy bee, but people eat lots of things under the impression that they are eating something else.

COMPLIMENT TO MISS HALL.

Delightful Music Recital in Her Honor Last Evening by the Pupils of Miss Hamme's Classes.

The recital last evening by pupils of Miss Annie Hamme's music classes was a thoroughly delightful affair in every respect. It was postponed from last Friday evening on account of the very inclement weather and was given in Miss Hamme's studio, No. 412 Market street, where a number of friends gathered and were charmed with the artistic success of the event. The recital had an added interest for members of the classes, too, because it was complimentary to Miss Emily Hall, who is soon to leave the city for the new home of the family at Rockingham, N. C.

By request the numbers on the programme were announced by the Rev. Richard W. Hogue, rector of St. James' parish, and upon conclusion of the entertainment, he took occasion to compliment the teacher and pupils upon the splendid success achieved. The programme was as follows:

1. Les Deux Alouettes, "Two Larks" (Leschetizky Op. 2, No. 1), Miss Emily Hall.
2. The Rosary (Nevin), Mrs. E. T. Huggins.
3. Ballade (Chopin), Miss Virginia Bailey.
4. The Lincoln Two-Step, mandolins (Himmelman), Misses King, Wade, Hopkins and Mr. C. S. Hopkins.
5. Serenade (G. Pieru), Miss Willie Ennett.
6. Au Matin, "At Morn" (Godard Op. 83), Miss Jennie Jackson.
7. Nocturne (Chopin Op. 37, No. 2), Miss Eloise Taylor.
8. Nun and the Fountain (Sherwood), Miss Sarah Catlett.
9. Mazourka (Chenet), Misses Mary Bell King and Lizette Wade.
10. "Once Upon a Time" (L. Schytte Op. 2, No. 8), Miss Margaret Nash.
11. Olympia Valse, mandolins (Louis Tocaben), Misses King, Wade and Hopkins, Mr. C. S. Hopkins, Mr. Kimbrough Jones.
12. Impromptu in B Flat (Schubert Op. 142, No. 3), Miss Hall.

LOCAL DOTS.

— The Christmas dance of L'Arioso German Club will be given Friday night, Dec. 26th.

— Cape Fear Lodge No. 2, I. O. O. F., last night conferred the initiatory degree upon ten candidates.

— A boy who is experienced in feeding job presses may secure employment by immediate application at the STAR office.

— The STAR returns thanks to the Life Insurance Company of Virginia for a neat and serviceable calendar for the new year.

— A desirable house and lot on Fourth, between Bladen and Harnett streets, will be sold at auction to-day at noon at the Court House.

— Cotton on the local market yesterday was quoted on a basis of 8 cents for middling. The receipts were 2,638 bales, against 805 same day last year.

— The quarantine at Fourth and Chesnut streets on account of the illness with scarlet fever of a little son of Mr. Luther A. Blue was raised yesterday.

— The sale of Christmas novelties and the entertainment appointed to be given in the lecture room of the First Baptist church by the United Workers this afternoon and evening has been indefinitely postponed.

— Third street, between Brunswick and Harnett, is being improved by the street force. Cinders and clinkers with other material are being put down to give place to the sand beds along the thoroughfare.

Funeral of John Harriss Howe.

The funeral of the late John Harriss Howe, the well known colored citizen who died Monday night, will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock from St. Mark's P. E. church, of which he was for many years a member and vestryman. The expressions of regret at the death of Contractor Howe yesterday were very numerous from both white and colored people. Among the white race he was held in especial high esteem and at the funeral this afternoon prominent white men of the city will act as honorary pall-bearers as follows: Col. Jno. W. Atkinson, Messrs. Samel Northrop, H. C. McQueen and W. N. Harriss.

He Wants to "Bil."

Members of the Fire Commission of the city to whom all applications for building permits have to be made, sometimes are asked to affix their signatures to all kinds of requests, but none of them have been quite so bad as this one which was scrawled with a lead pencil on a sheet of note paper and "passed in" for approval yesterday: "Wilmington N. C. Dec. 12. An appeakton to bil a store 28x20 shingle roof on brunsick street beateen third and 4th st." The name signed is not given for obvious reasons.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Clyde Line—Sailing days.
A. Shrier—Don't pass it by.
J. H. Hardin—For holidays.
At Plummer's—Merry Xmas.
Masonic—Meeting St. John's Lodge.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Little House—At auction to-day.
Consolidated Railways, Light and Power Co.—Gas radiators.

Kress' 5 and 10c Store is now open at night for Xmas shoppers. †

PERMANENT STREETS

The Board of Audit and Finance Concurred in $20,000 Appropriation Last Night.

THE IMPROVED SIDEWALKS.

Amount to Include Past Expenditures in This Department—No Light at Front and Hanover—The Treasurer's Monthly Statement.

The most important action taken at last night's regular semi-monthly meeting of the Board of Audit and Finance was concurrence in the appropriation by the Aldermen of $30,000 for permanent street improvement, the same to include past expenditures in this department during the current fiscal year, at the beginning of which no appropriation was made for this purpose. Out of the $30,000 appropriated there is for expenditure in the future something over $7,000. Nearly $13,000 has already been expended in this department and the appropriation last night is to cover what has been expended and what the Board thinks should be expended during the remainder of the fiscal year. The appropriation was concurred in last night with the proviso that all material shall be purchased by contract.

It will be gratifying to the public to know that, according to a resolution passed by the Aldermen at their last meeting, a part of the money appropriated for permanent streets will be used in paying a bonus of one-third to all real estate owners who will lay the improved granolithic sidewalks around their property. The resolution was offered by Alderman Sweeney and it provides for the calling for bids for 5,000 square yards of the pavement.

The meeting of the Board of Audit and Finance last night was presided over by Chairman H. C. McQueen, and members in attendance were Messrs. Jesse Wilder and S. P. McNair.

Alderman Murrell, chairman of the public building committee, was present and asked approval of the bill of C. M. Whitlock amounting to $309.66 for the plumbing in the colored department of the city prison. The bill was approved.

The matter of establishing an arc light at Front and Hanover streets was disapproved, Alderman Murrell stating that he did not think same was necessary.

The usual bills for current expenses were read and approved.

The City Clerk and Treasurer submitted a statement of the receipts and disbursements of the public fund during the month of November which was duly audited by the Clerk of the Board of Audit and Finance and approved by the Board as follows:

Receipts—Balance from October account, $17,648.05; merchants' license, $1,014.73; bar rooms, $946; market rent, $133.24; Mayor's court, $235.65; pound fees, $1; weighing beef cattle, $46.70; miscellaneous and extraordinary, $130.41; real and personal property tax 1902, $19,835.20; real and personal property tax perior to 1902, $1,060.20; dray badges, $3.50; costs on tax prior to 1902, $79.17. Total receipts, $23,475.80. Total, including balance, $41,123,85.

Disbursements—By warrants paid, $33,588 84. Balance to December account, $8,535.01.

The Board adjourned subject to call of the chairman.

GOLF TOURNAMENT TIE.

Prize Was Won by Miss Calder in a Score of 57.

The play off of the tie for second place in last Saturday's tournament between Miss Fearey and Miss Mary Calder, was decided yesterday afternoon and was won by Miss Calder. The score by holes was as follows:

							Total.
Miss Calder,	11	10	8	5	11	12	—57
Miss Fearey,	12	8	11	6	10	20	—67

The second prize was a handsome gold hat pin offered by Mr. W. H. Foster, of New York, who has several times been a guest of the club.

STEAMER CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE.

Left Jacksonville Monday Afternoon; Expected to Reach Here Saturday.

Fayetteville *Observer*: "Mr. E. W. Cooke, General Manager of the Fayetteville Steamboat Company, passed through here yesterday afternoon, on his way from New York to Jacksonville, Fla., for the purpose of accompanying the magnificent new steamer, *City of Fayetteville*, up the coast and Cape Fear river to Fayetteville. It is now stated positively that the steamer will reach Fayetteville by Christmas."

LATER.—The steamer *City of Fayetteville* left Jacksonville, Fla., yesterday afternoon, and is expected to reach Wilmington Saturday. She will reach Fayetteville probably Monday, and there she will be furnished by Lord & Taylor, of New York.

A. Shrier's Great Sale.

A great clearing-out sale was inaugurated yesterday at the store of Mr A. Shrier, the fashionable clothier, at southeast corner of Front and Princess streets. The bargains offered there attracted much attention. Prices have been marked down to marvelously low figures and the goods offered for sale are being found not shop worn or out of date. It is an over stocked sale and new, fresh stock is going in a hurry.

Kress' 5 and 10c Store is now open at night for Xmas shoppers. †

BISHOP NOW IN CHARLOTTE.

Taken There Yesterday to Answer in February the Charge of Murder. Tells of His Escape.

Arthur Bishop, the young travelling man who surrendered himself at his home in Petersburg Sunday night, was taken yesterday to Charlotte, where on the second week in February he will be arraigned in the Superior Court for the murder of Mr. Thos. J. Wilson. The particulars of the crime are well known in Wilmington, where Bishop has a wide acquaintance.

The Richmond *Dispatch* of yesterday, in giving an account of Bishop's surrender, contains the following in a special from Petersburg:

"Bishop claims that he shot Wilson in self-defence, and that he shot only after he had been thrice struck over the head with a stick. He exhibits the bruises caused by the blows. He says he never saw Mr. Wilson before that fatal night, and that he would not know him now if he were to see him alive. The blows on his head were struck with such violence, he says, that he was temporarily dazed, and shot, hardly knowing what he did, save to protect himself. Mr. Bishop declined, when seen this morning, to make any further statement as to the shooting, deeming it best that all the facts should be withheld until the trial. It was the first time he had ever been in Mr. Wilson's house, and he was there then by invitation.

"While Bishop refused to talk on the details of the fatal occurrence in Wilson's house, he told without restraint of his subsequent adventures. After the shooting, he escorted to her home the young lady with whom he went to Mr. Wilson's. Later, as he was standing on the street, a man who was passing stopped and asked him for a match. The match was furnished, and the stranger volunteered the information that a man had just been killed down the street by a drummer, whose name he did not know.

"Bishop lost his hat at Wilson's and he borrowed a cap from a friend, which very much changed his appearance. Wearing this, he returned to the Buford Hotel, where he had been stopping, and where the news of the shooting had not yet been brought, and boldly went up to his room. He found his door locked, and feeling the need of rest, he took the elevator to another floor, where he went to bed. He was afterwards informed that the hotel was being watched by the police. He remained in the hotel until Wednesday morning, and about noon left Charlotte on a tramp of 52 miles by public road to New London. He had effectually concealed his identity by shaving off his moustache and wearing the cap that had been given him, and buttoning up his overcoat about his face.

"The first day he travelled 32 miles, and at night slept in a barn. The second night, near New London, he slept in a hay rick. At New London he took a train to Salisbury, going about in public and making no effort to conceal himself. Friday night he took a sleeper on the Southern railroad for Norfolk, reaching the latter city Saturday morning. He walked the streets a greater part of the day, passed a number of policemen, and recognised a number of friends, who, however, failed to recognize him; and at 7.30 P. M. boarded the passenger train for Petersburg. He had considered the matter of surrendering himself in Charlotte or at his home in Petersburg, and decided on the latter course, because of the feeling against him in Charlotte. And then, too, the desire was strong with him to see his family."

COLUMBUS TELEPHONE CONNECTION

Special Meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Called for This Afternoon.

A special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be held this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock for the purpose of considering the matter of an extension of the Columbus Telephone Company's wires from Council Station to Wilmington.

Not a long while ago it was announced that this connection would be made with the Bell long distance lines here, but now it seems that before bringing the wire to this city, the Columbus Company desires that the business people here shall identify themselves with the movement and, if possible, take stock in the enterprise. A full attendance of members of the Chamber of Commerce upon the meeting this afternoon is desired.

N. C. Red Men's Bazaar.

The Red Men of the State of North Carolina will hold a Great Bazaar in Raleigh Monday, Jan. 19, 1903. The purpose of the Bazaar is to raise funds for the endowment of a Red Men's Orphanage, to be established under the auspices of the order at some point in the State. The committee will appreciate any donation of merchandise or money any one may see fit to give, and they may be assured that their generosity will be known to and appreciated by every Red Man in the State. Donations should be sent to Mr. A. Dughi, chairman of the Bazaar Committee, who will turn the same over to the committee, which will send a receipt for same.

Pecan Growing Profitable.

Mr. W. H. Stone, of Shallotte, Brunswick county, one of the leading men in his section and father of Wilmington's esteemed citizens, Messrs. R. R. and B. O. Stone, has made quite a success in late years at pecan growing. He has a large orchard of trees on his extensive plantation in Brunswick and they range in age from three to twenty-two years. Those from 16 to 20 years old bear most profitably, but all of them average about 150 pounds of nuts to the tree and they sell easily at from 12½ to 15 cents per pound.

Boy Broke His Leg.

Johnnie George, eight years old and a son of Mrs. Lizzie George, Harnett, between Fourth and Fifth streets, suffered a painful fracture of the leg Monday afternoon. He was riding on a wagon, loaded with lumber, and in a careless moment thrust his foot through one of the revolving wheels on the vehicle.

THE ELKS CHRISTMAS

Arrangements for Christmas Entertainment They Will Give Wilmington's Children.

THE MEETING OF LADIES.

Those Who Have Volunteered to Assist Mapped Out the Work and Are Pushing Forward—Executive Committee in Session.

Two important meetings in connection with the Christmas tree and dinner which will be given to the children of the city under the auspices of the Wilmington Lodge of Elks next Friday afternoon week, were held yesterday in the parlors of the Elks' Temple on North Front street.

The first was a meeting of the good ladies, who have volunteered their services to assist the Elks in their commendable undertaking, and it was held at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon. Mrs. Joseph H. Watters presiding as chairman. The attendance was large and the enthusiasm was beautiful. At this meeting all the details of serving the dinner and providing the edibles were arranged and competent committees were placed in charge of each department, as will be seen by reference to the list below.

The Executive Committee of Elks held a second meeting last night at 8:15 o'clock in their club rooms and upon this there was also a very gratifying attendance. The enthusiasm of no Elk meeting can be gainsaid. Not only were members of the Executive Committee present, but many loyal Elks, who were not on the committee, were in attendance and cheerfully tendered their services in any capacity to make the event the great success it deserves. The city was divided into convenient districts, each of which was placed in charge of one or more Elks who will visit the homes of the children and distribute cards of admission to the great feast of good things that the B. P. O. E. Santa Claus will have for his guests on the occasion being arranged for. Chairman Gerken, of the committee, says everything pertaining to this work is progressing nicely. More than one thousand children will partake of the hospitality of the Elks during the holiday.

The list of committees selected by the ladies to have in charge their part of the work is announced as follows:

Cake Committee—Mesdames A. Shrier (chairman), S. Mendelsohn, B. Solomon, M. S. Willard, L. B. Frank, M. L. Stover, Misses Carrie M. Von Glahn, Hattie Taylor, Lena Solomon, Maimie Bear, Marcella Shrier.

Ham Committee—Mesdames H. G. Smallbones (chairman), J. N. Brand, R. W. Wallace, C. T. Harper, S. H. Burtt, Berry Gleaves, M. L. McLeod, R. D. Tucker and Mrs. Houston.

Pickle Committee—Miss Stella Divine (chairman), Mesdames S. Solomon, E. H. Munson, Walker Taylor, H. McClammy, M. W. Divine, J. D. Nutt, Misses Kate Westerman and and Louise Knight.

Bread and Butter Committee—Mesdames C. W. Polvogt (chairman), A. G. Voigt, Andrew Smith, Henry Haar, E. Schulken, J. G. Barentine, H. F. Otten, Miss Elizabeth Otten.

Candy Bag Committee—Mesdames H. J. Gerken (chairman), M. S. Willard, J. N. Brand, F. E. Owens, W. S. Johnson, R. W. Wallace, M. G. Saunders, S. E. Toon, Misses Stella Divine and Kate Munson.

Xmas Tree Committee—Mesdames J. H. Rehder (chairman), J. T. Runge, J. J. Fowler, H. L. Vollers, Cuthbert Martin, S. H. Fishblate, Miss Mary Bridgers.

Turkey Committee—Mesdames W. H. Northrop, Sr. (chairman); Junius Davis, R. C. DeRosset, W. S. Johnson, L. Bluethenthal, R. H. Northrop, John Cotton, Jr., Cuthbert Martin, Ella Hill, T. F. Simmons, Misses Maria Walker, Annie B. DeRosset, Bettie DeRosset, Belle Anderson, Fannie Taylor, Cornelia Fillyaw, May Belle Fillyaw and Julia Hill.

Coffee Committee—Mesdames Mitt Moore (chairman); W. L. DeRosset, Jr., S. A. Schloss, J. H. Hinton, W. M. Hankins, H. A. DeCover, W. W. Hodges, A. Liebman, J. J. Hedrick, M. S. Willard, J. Hahn, Misses Julia Bell, Kieth Covington, Lydia Yates, Alice Borden, Julia Gore, Lucy Chadbourn and Mrs. W. E. Springer.

Mr. Spedon at the Y. M. C. A.

Mr. S. M. Spedon, the versatile editor of *Talent*, New York city, and a cartoonist and caricaturist of world-wide renown, entertained a large audience in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium last evening, his subject having been "Character and Characteristics." The evidence of Mr. Spedon's great talent as an artist was interestingly told on canvas, which under the touch of his crayon almost instantly and beautifully illustrated the subject matter of his fine lecture. Mr. Spedon was introduced in very graceful manner by Dr. A. D. McClure, and there was not a dull moment in the hour and a half consumed in the evening's entertainment.

The Distinguished Visitors.

Hon. Jno. D. Bellamy returned home yesterday morning from Washington and in the afternoon accompanied a party of guests including Congressman Latimer, of South Carolina, on a trip down the river on the government steamer *Mary Lily*. Col. S. C. Mills, Inspector General, U. S. A., also accompanied the party to make an official visit to the army post at Fort Caswell.

The River Steamboats.

The steamer *A. P. Hurt*, of the Wilmington and Fayetteville line, which has been in port the past two days, yesterday passed a very creditable inspection by the government officials and will return to Fayetteville this morning. The steamer *E. A. Hawes* arrived yesterday and will go on the ways at Skinner's for a general overhauling.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

— Mr. J. E. O'Donnell, the popular travelling man, is in the city.

— Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Edwards left yesterday for a visit to Mr. Edwards' relatives in Goldsboro.

— Dr. W. H. Crowell, of Burgaw, and Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Crowell, of Charlotte, were guests at The Orton yesterday.

— Drs. Frank H. Russell and Joseph Akerman left yesterday for Wilson to attend the meeting of the Tri-State Medical Association.

— Mr. C. J. Rivenbark, travelling representative of the Raleigh *News and Observer*, arrived last evening and is a guest at The Orton.

— Rev. Dr. Calvin S. Blackwell returned yesterday morning from the State Baptist Convention, which has been in session at Durham the past week.

— Mr. J. A. McGeachy, who has been quite sick with typhoid fever, left yesterday for Burgaw to spend a while with his brother, Rev. D. P. McGeachy.

— Miss Mattie Lee Horne has gone to Florence, S. C., to sing in the opera, "Trial by Jury," which will be presented by amateur talent there tomorrow night.

— Mr. Jno. T. Wilson, of St. Louis, Mo., president of the Brotherhood of Railway Section Foremen, is in the city on a business trip. He is accompanied by a number of other representatives of the brotherhood.

— Messrs. Junius Davis, E. K. Bryan, Herbert McClammy, Robert Ruark, Jno. H. Gore and L. V. Grady were among the Wilmington lawyers who went up to Burgaw yesterday to attend Pender Superior Court, which is in session this week, Judge Henry R. Bryan presiding.

LIST OF LETTERS.

Remaining Uncalled For in the Wilmington Postoffice, Dec. 16th, 1902.

WOMEN'S LIST.

Bell Bentley, Bettie Brown, Catharine Derlete, Annie E. Fortune, Kattie Futch, Carrie M. Heilig, Esther Hicks, F. C. Hines, Rosa Holmes, Hattie Hering, Cat Hunter, Hattie Murphin, Pheabe Ranion, H. C. Rhoads, Lizzie Sanders, Minnie Sawfast, Delsena Sikes, Celia Singleton, Bettie Smith, Elizer Watson, Winnie Watts, Lizzie Wilson, W. H. Wright,

MEN'S LIST.

Henry Askew, Hardy Bethea, D. E. Berry, Arthur Booth, J. M. Brady, Isaac Bewdy, Bryant Cannon, R. R. Covington, Lue Chase, Andrew Clow, Henry Cruse, John Denham, Wm. E. Dunn, Jimie Edwards, W. H. Flowers, H. M. Green, John Hall, H. B. Hankens, Hutchinson & Co., Andrew Jones, Owen Jorden, Simon Langston, Preston Liles, L. W. McCall, Lee McNeill, C. V. McIntyre, C. Miller, F. H. Miller, N. Y. Bargain House, Thomas Padrick, Willie Rankin, Edward Reid, Eliott Rich, R. H. Riddick, John W. Randall (2), Joe Robeson, Willie Ross, Lula Seamore, L. H. Stayner, W. J. Tate, Taylor's Book Store, B. D. Trapp, S. R. Watts.

RETURNED FROM DEAD LETTER OFFICE.

Persons calling for above letters will please say advertised. If not called for in fifteen days they will be sent to the dead letter office. M. C. DARBY, Postmaster.

CASES FROM NEW HANOVER.

Supreme Court Opinions—Motion to Reinstate Denied—Other Matters.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 16.—The Supreme Court handed down twenty-four opinions to-day. Eastern cases are: State vs. Pugh, from New Hanover, error; Worth vs. Wilmington, motion to re-instate appeal denied; State vs. Ray, Halifax, reversed; Sampson vs. Lumber Co., Halifax, new trial; State vs. Dixon, capital case, Jones county, affirmed.

Dixon shot Godfrey Webber from ambush. However, he has escaped since conviction and the hearing of the appeal.

In the case of State vs. Pugh, Judge Timberlake sentenced the appellant to ten years for stealing a sack from a sailor. The court says there was no evidence to convict.

SCHOONER REBECCA DOUGLAS ASHORE

On Her Way Into Southport Harbor She Grounded Near Bald Head.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

SOUTHPORT, N. C., Dec. 16.—The schooner *Rebecca C. Douglas*, 399 tons, Capt. Robinson, bound from Georgetown, S. C., to New York with cargo of lumber, grounded to day at Buoy No. 5, near Bald Head island. The vessel was on her way in for harbor with no pilot aboard. She is in no immediate danger. The tug *Blanche* has gone to her assistance and she will probably float on this tide.

For Asthma use CHENEY'S EXPECTORANT.
For sale by J. C. Shepard.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

St. John's Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M.

EMERGENT COMMUNICATION this (Wednesday) at 8 o'clock for work in Master's degree.
Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.
By order of the W. M.
dec 17 1t R. C. MERRITT, Secretary Pro-tem.

Lands Posted.

The privilege of hunting on my lands near Wilmington having been leased, all persons are hereby warned against shooting, hunting, ranging or otherwise trespassing on said lands.
nov 26 tf S. W. NOBLE.

DON'T PASS IT BY!!

IF YOU NEED

Clothing and Furnishing Goods

We are overstocked and the entire stock must move at

ACTUAL COST.

FOLLOW THE CROWDS AND GET IN LINE AND BE FITTED WHILE THIS SALE IS GOING ON.

Look For The Red Banner and Don't Go Wrong.

---AT---

A. SHRIER'S,

34 North Front Street.
dec 17 1w

The New Year.

A new interest quarter will begin with us on January 1st. Deposits made with us now will draw 4 per cent. from January 2nd, and will receive credit for a full quarter's interest on April 1st.

The People's Savings Bank,

Opposite the Postoffice.

H. C. McQUEEN, President. JNO. S. ARMSTRONG, Vice President.
dec 16 tf F. W. DICK, Cashier.

"SNAG RESISTING," KNEE HIP AND THIGH,

Rubber Boots,

Besides Rubbers of all kinds.

DOUGLAS SHOES,

More popular than ever. A good lot in; more daily expected, and several orders being made up at the factory, to be delivered as soon as possible. Likewise, with

Duttenhofer and Hogan Shoes for Lads and Children.

People tell us daily that these goods combine more desirable features than any Shoes they ever saw at the prices. A trial will convince the most skeptical. Other styles and kinds at all prices, as CHEAP as the CHEAPEST and as GOOD as the BEST.

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The Stationer,
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Will be the lot of all who buy at

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NUTS, FRUITS, CANDIES,

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Also Shell Nuts, suitable for cakes, 35 to 63 cts per pound.
Fresh shell-ground Cocoanut 12½c per quart.
Remember: It's not the quantity but the quality, though you get both at

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And see his assortment of Hudnut's, Roger & Gallet's, Paul Rieger's and other manufacturer's first class Perfumes, Sachets, Soaps and other Toilet Articles. Also Brushes and Combs, Mirrors, Soap and Powder Boxes, Shaving Brushes and Mugs, Flasks, and Meerschaum and Brier Root Pipes.
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Bids will be received up to 12 o'clock on MONDAY, DECEMBER 22ND, for leasing the City Docks at the foot of Chesnut and Dock streets.

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If you want to enjoy a good weed and be free from nervousness and indigestion refuse every brand save

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We offer 40,000 Oranges, ex-Mable Darling.

1,000 lots and more, $17.50.
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250 Bales of this celebrated Sheeting; also, 25 bales of this Sheeting in short lengths at greatly reduced prices.

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We wish to inform our regular customers as well as the public at large that we have just received a consignment of Foreign Wines, which we offer to everybody at the following low price for a short time only:

Rhine Wine, Vintage		1898,	per gal.,	$1.00
Port	"	" 1900,	" "	1.00
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Samples FREE at store.

Best Patent Flour, O. B., per barrel $4.50.
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The Morning Star.

WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

WEDNESDAY MORNING. DEC. 17.

INDIAN CORN.

The United States lead the world as the producer of the two greatest grain food stuffs—wheat and corn, which is still called Indian corn, because it was first found among the Indians of this country, who planted it for food, and from which it was taken to other countries to be planted, as was the potato—improperly called the Irish potato—and the tobacco plant, all three of which have become world plants, and are consumed more or less by the inhabitants of all countries, civilized and uncivilized.

This country is such a large producer of corn that the impression prevails to some extent that but little is grown anywhere else, while the fact is that there is a great deal grown in other countries in both hemispheres, and in many countries, some of which are capable of producing many times as much as they do, and probably will some day when the inhabitants learn more about preparing it as a palatable and nutritious food. The following table showing the crop of different countries in 1901 will give an idea of the universality of this crop, and how much more of it is produced in other countries than is generally thought:

Countries.	Bushels.
Argentina	64,000,000
Austria-Hungary	140,000,000
Bulgaria	25,000,000
Canada	20,000,000
Italy	90,000,000
Roumania	120,000,000
Rusia	50,000,000
United States	1,523,000,000
Egypt	30,000,000
Uruguay	7,000,000

These countries, with the exception of the United States, produced something over 500,000,000 bushes, about one-third as much as the United States, although last year was an unusually short corn crop year with us. The crop this year is more than twice as large as that of last year, without probably much increase of acerage which shows the immense possibilities of this country as a corn producer when the seasons are favorable.

Knowing the respective corn-producing countries, and the quantity each produces it will be interesting to see how the crop is distributed throughout the United States, which is shown in the following table which gives the production this year of each State that prodnces over 10,000,000 bushels, those producing less not being given, although some corn is grown in every State in the union and in every Territory.

States.	Bushels.
Illinois	320,000,000
Kansas	256,000,000
Iowa	247,000,000
Missouri	247,000,000
Nebraska	235,000,000
Indiana	153,000,000
Ohio	104,000,000
Kentucky	82,000,000
Tennessee	60,000,000
Pennsylvania	44,000,000
Texas	42,000,000
Arkansas	41,000,000
Wisconsin	37,000,000
Oklahoma	36,000,000
Indian Territory	35,000,000
Virginia	33,000,000
North Carolina	32,000,000
Michigan	31,000,000
Georgia	30,000,000
Minnesota	29,000,000
South Dakota	28,000,000
Alabama	18,000,000
South Carolina	18,000,000
West Virginia	17,000,000
Maryland	15,000,000
New York	13,000,000
Louisiana	12,000,000

It will be seen from this table that seven States in the central West are the great corn producers of the country, producing nearly twice as much as all the other States combined and more than the total crop of the country last year. This might seem singular at first sight but on reflection it will not. These States all have the loamy soil in which corn thrives best and have plenty of sunshine, which corn needs both in growing and in the maturing of the grain. It must grow quickly to escape the Fall frosts. But if the corn-growers of those States depended upon corn as a market crop, as they do on wheat, for instance, there would be little of it grown compared with what there is now, but they found a way to market it to advantage and make it profitable. It is a bulky material and considering the market price is too expensive to haul unless the farms on which it is grown are near the railroads or river towns, so they have adopted the plan of raising hogs and cattle, marketing their corn as pork and beef, and consequently thus have become not only the greatest corn producing States but greatest hog and cattle States, if we except the wide range grazing States of the West and Southwest as to cattle. But the best beef cattle come from these central States, or are fattened in them after being driven from the States of the West and Southwest.

This is really what has made the wealth of these central States, their hogs and beef and mutton, which would be impossible without their corn, which shows that corn is a much more important crop than it gets credit for being.

There is another reason why the crop of those States is so large, which is also true of our other corn-producing States, although not to the same extent. Such crops would be practically impossible without machinery, and consequently every corn-growing farmer is equipped with his planters and cultivators, with which one man with a team will plant and cultivate and harvest more corn than ten men could without the machinery he uses, and with less labor.

That is the secret of the large corn crop of the United States, and it is where the United States have the advantage over all the other countries in the world, none of which have yet caught on to the machinery idea and in most of which it would be impracticable if they did. In Europe, for instance, where the farms are, as a rule, small and rented, machinery cannot be used to the same advantage that it can be on large farms, even if the farmers could afford to buy it, which few of them can. Possibly the Russian farmers in Southern Siberia may catch on, for they are importing a good deal of American agricultural machinery and possibly so also may the farmers of Argentina, many of whom are Europeans and cultivate large tracts of land, and are also large cattle raisers, but this country will always hold the lead as the world's corn-producer, for our farmers could with thorough culture in favorable seasons raise twice as much as they do on the same acreage.

There is not one of the Southern States which raises as much corn as it should and there are some which do not raise enough for home consumption, some of our farmers having an idea that it is cheaper to raise cotton or tobacco and buy corn, a delusion that they have not yet gotten over, but will in time, when the corn crop is appreciated as it should be.

FITZHUGH LEE ON CUBA.

Last Saturday night General Fitzhugh Lee addressed the Patria Club in New York on "The United States and Cuba." Among other things he said:

"Cuba was never so well governed by Spain as she is to-day. Congress wearied of the wars in Cuba and discussed resolutions recognizing the right of belligerency of the revolutionists. Then came the war.

"I want to say that I reported to President Cleveland the exact condition of affairs as they existed there. I reported the rebellion with all its brutalities and horrors, and told him that it would continue for several generations if not brought to a speedy end. Mr. Cleveland gave no attention to my reports, and it was not until the great man now sleeping his last sleep in Canton, Ohio, took charge of affairs at Washington that these atrocious conditions were brought to an end.

"Cuba is well worthy the attention of the American people. It is the richest spot on God's green earth. No country can ever rival Cuba in its products. It has been waiting for half a century for American energy and enterprise. If we had not sacrified wisdom for sentiment, we would own Cuba to-day. When we did have Cuba we should have held onto it, but some of the people wanted to show the world that we were acting for humanity's sake, and not for the possession of territory.

These are, as we read them, somewhat surprising remarks coming for such a source. Aside from the propriety of thus calling to account the President whose commission he held, and towards whom he occupied a confidential relation, in drawing the comparison which he does whether he does injustice to Cleveland or not he gives more credit to his successor than the facts justify. There are thousands of Democrats who differed very radically from Mr. Cleveland in the course which he pursued towards Cuba, in which in his apparent desire to maintain strict neutrality he leaned too far towards Spain, and did too much police duty on the seas and at our ports, but there is sufficient evidence that had it not been for the strong expression of popular sentiment which drove Congress to action that course would been substantially pursued by the succeeding administration.

We have the testimony of Senator Hanna for it, that Mr. McKinley took the action he did reluctantly, that he felt we were not in a condition to go to war, and was "driven"—that's the word Mr. Hanna used—to it before we were prepared. Whether Cleveland be amenable to critiscism or not, his successor is entitled only to so much credit as the facts justify.

Was it mere "sentiment," that prevented our holding Cuba? There was no sentiment whatever in the Teller resolution, which passed Congress unanimously. That was simply a declaration of the intentions of this Government in intervening, the evident purpose of which was to allay any misapprehensions that might be entertained by European Governments and prevent complications and prossible war with some of them. It was a solemn pledge given with the consent and endorsement of the nation to violate which would have been an act of perfidy to other nations and treachery to the Cubans, who were fighting for independence, not for a change of masters. Sentiment played no part in it then or since. It was simply a question of national honesty, good faith and honor, which may be classed as "sentiment" by land grabbers who in the greed for grab lose sight of everybody else, but not by other people. We like Fitzhugh Lee, but we don't like his talk.

Jerry Simpson owns a sheep ranch in New Mexico and can now wear socks if he wants to. But there isn't much need for socks down there.

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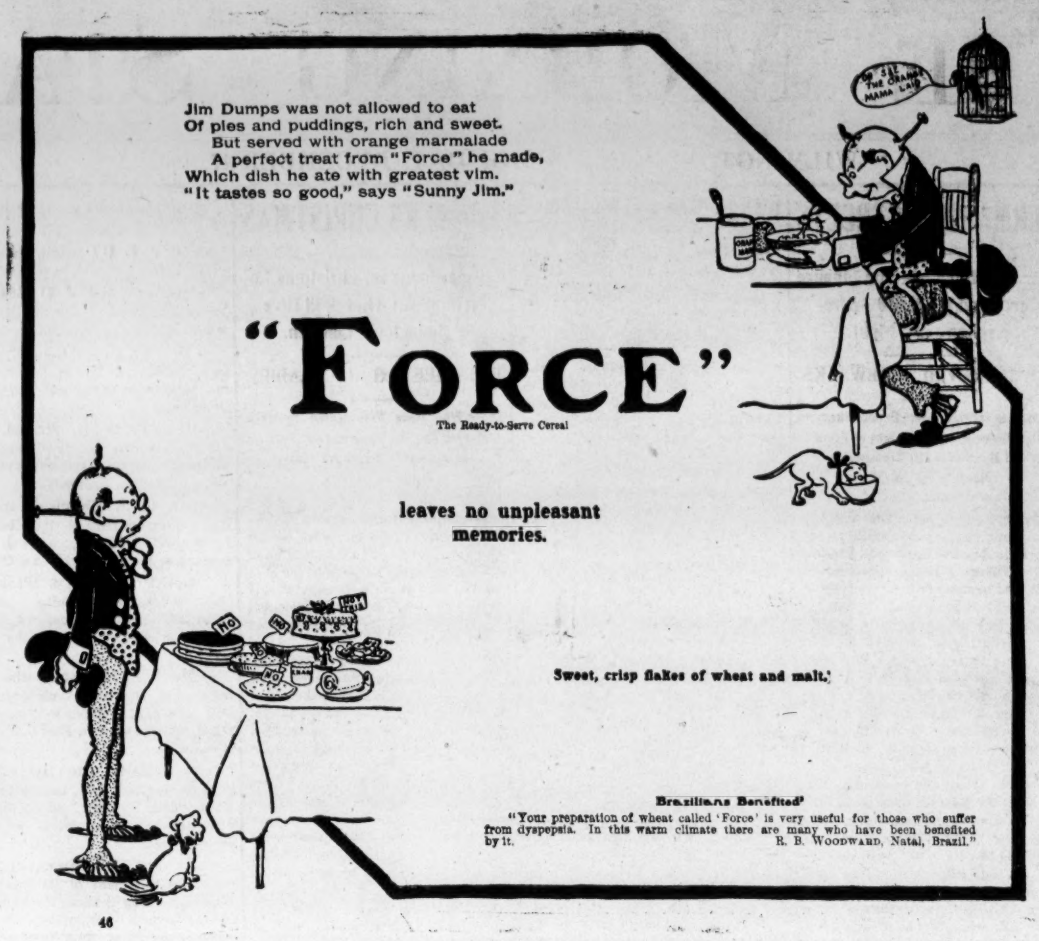
Jim Dumps was not allowed to eat
Of pies and puddings, rich and sweet.
But served with orange marmalade
A perfect treat from "Force" he made,
Which dish he ate with greatest vim.
"It tastes so good," says "Sunny Jim."
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The Ready-to-Serve Cereal
leaves no unpleasant memories.
Sweet, crisp flakes of wheat and malt.
Brazilians Benefited
"Your preparation of wheat called 'Force' is very useful for those who suffer from dyspepsia. In this warm climate there are many who have been benefited by it.
R. B. WOODWARD, Natal, Brazil."
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FAVORS REDUCTION.

A Washington press dispatch published yesterday says Senator Pritchard is in favor of reducing Southern representation in Republican national conventions in proportion to the number of Republican votes cast. In his letter to the President published some time ago in reference to the Vick matter, he declared that he was in favor of that. But he could not do otherwise and be consistent with himself.

Whatever the pretence may be, the real motive behind this movement is to get rid of negro delegates in national conventions because, among other reasons, they have the reputation of being unreliabie, purchasable and without the quality of staying bought when bought. After having planned, and carried out his plans, for the exclusion of negro delegates from Republican conventions, State and county, in this State it would be inconsistent in him if he didn't follow that to its logical sequence and favor eliminating them from national conventions, for which, however, it is expedient and necessary to give some other reason than that of color, hence the vote dodge.

If that programme be carried out, which in all probability it will be if it be sprung before the convention when it meets, the Republican party of the South will cut a very small figure in Republican national conventions for some time to come, and will amount to but little save in conventions where opposing candidates might be pretty evenly matched in strength and they might hold the balance of power. But as far as practical results go it doesn't make any difference whether the representation be cut down or not, for whether large or small it is always controlled by manipulators on the other side of the line.

A Detroit paper remarks that courage is a curious thing, and that men who are sometimes brave are at other times arrant cowards. Of course. We have seen men who wouldn't turn back on a whole tribe of painted warriors whooping for scalps, but if at twelve o'clock at night they heard a voice from the window above calling their names, would sneak in like a truant boy and do more deliberate fabricating in the next fifteen minutes than a well paid auctioneer could do in a night's work.

President Baer, of the Reading Railroad, says it isn't the fault of the mine operators that the people are short on coal, but of the people, who should have put in a supply before Winter came. And that some old galoot was assuring them that there would be plenty of coal by the time Winter came and there isn't a plenty yet. How could the people lay in their Winter's supply when they couldn't get it, even if they had "money to burn?"

Revolution Imminent.

A sure sign of approaching revolt and serious trouble in your system is nervousness, sleeplessness or stomach upsets. Electric Bitters will quickly dismember the troublesome causes. It never fails to tone the stomach, regulate the Kidneys and Bowels, stimulate the Liver and clarify the blood. Run down systems benefit particularly, and all the usual attending aches vanish under its searching and thorough effectiveness. Electric Bitters is only 50 cents, and that is returned if it don't give perfect satisfaction. Guaranteed by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. †

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CURRENT COMMENT.

—A little thing like war has no terrors for a people whom a shoe string and a cigarette can keep warm in Winter. That's the blessed state of the Venezuelans.—*Portsmouth News, Dem.*

—If President Roosevelt hasn't a grudge of some sort against Venezuela—which gives him satisfaction in her present discomfiture—he is acting very much like it, for is there anything that the present procedure can possibly accomplish toward the ostensible end in view that could not have been accomplished by arbitration—a method which he had only to suggest to ensure its adoption?—*Norfolk Ledger, Dem.*

—Gov. Wright is wasting time appealing to the present Congress for a reduction of the tariff on Philippine goods. The policy of the present Administration seems to be to keep our new islands from getting away from us, and yet to keep them from getting near us; in other words, to grip them to us with both hands, while we kick them from us with both feet.—*Louisville Courier-Journal, Dem.*:

—According to report, two million members of labor unions are going to fight the Tobacco Trust, which means that they will not deal with the Trust shops doing business under the firm name of the United Cigar Stores Co. Still, if the Trust finds it advisable, it may take down that name, and, meantime, how are the anti-Trust shops to supply their counters with Havanas in view of the fact that the monopoly now owns all the leading factories in Cuba?—*Brooklyn Citizen, Dem.*

TWINKLINGS.

— A sick man is always in favor of a constitutional amendment.—*Chicago News.*

— "That's another story," said the bricklayer, as he finished his day's work.—*Columbia Jester.*

—"Ef Satan wuz once in heaven, how come he ever got out er it?" "Well, like many another po' devil, he couldn't sthan' prosperity!"—*Atlanta Constitution.*

— "Has Mr. Washington any original ideas?" "One," answered Miss Cayenne; "the idea that his views are original is exclusively his own."—*Wash. Star.*

— She—He has deceived me shamefully. Her Father—I'll horsewhip the young rascal. How has he deceived you? She—Boo—hoo! he let me decline him before he told me he was rich.—*Stray Stories.*

— The Father—My daughter, sir, must have the same amount of money after she is married that she had before. The Suitor—I wouldn't deprive her of it for anything.—*Brooklyn Life.*

— Jimson—Yes, the doctor has put me on the strictest kind of diet. Jamson—Indeed; what is it? Jimson—Well, he says I must not eat anything I don't like, and not any more than I want of what I do like.—*Punch.*

— Aunt Jane—I've just heard the dreadful news that Charles is going to marry an actress. Isn't it awful! Uncle John—Not so bad as it might be, Jane. The woman, I understand, is not much of an actress.—*Boston Transcript.*

— "I see you advertise for a donkey!" said the man who looked as if he had something for sale. "Oh yes," said the busy man, stopping his work for a minute to look up "but I want one with four legs."—*Yonkers Statesmen.*

— First Lawyer—There seems to be a large attendance of the sporting fraternity in the court room this morning; there must be some special case on the calendar that has excited their interest. Second Lawyer—Not necessarily; perhaps they've come in to see the jury-box.—*Boston Courier.*

— "When it comes to marriage I wouldn't give a thought to how much the man I love is making," remarked the dreamy-eyed girl. "Neither would I," answered the practical damsel. "What would primarily interest me would be how much he had already made. There's no use taking chances."—*Chicago Post.*

DR. PIERCE'S GOLDEN MEDICAL DISCOVERY FOR THE BLOOD, LIVER, LUNGS.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Goldsboro *Argus*: The largest lemon we have ever seen, weighing one pound and five ounces, was displayed in this office this morning by Mr. C. G. Smith. It was grown by Miss Penny S. Barnes, a sister of Mrs. W. T. Harrison, at her home at Saratoga, Wilson county, and discounts anything ever sent here in the lemon line from Florida; and again evidences the fact that North Carolina can beat the world.

Fayetteville *Observer*: Mr. H. I. McDuffie, Jr., left Sunday night for Washington, to see his patent attorneys in regard to a patent to be applied for and which he is assured will be granted. The invention consists of a clock attachment for automatically extinguishing gas lights. It is the habit of many of our merchants here and elsewhere to leave lights burning in their show windows, and where gas is used the lights are generally extinguished at ten or eleven o'clock at night as a matter of economy.

— Charlotte dispatch of the 15th in the Raleigh *Post*: Those interested in the Amos Owens cherry tree swindle will have to put up the balance of the money due the defrauded letter writers this week or spend Christmas in jail. Thus far $5,000 of the amount has been turned over to Col. Cowles and $7,500 remains to be paid. Unless this amount is forthcoming this week, said a Federal court official to day, something will drop. The limit has been reached. In the meantime the letter writers have abandoned all hops of getting back the money out of which they were swindled in time for Christmas.

— Asheville dispatch 15th in Raleigh *News and Observer*: Notwithstanding District Attorney Holton's positive statement to the contrary, bills were found at the recent term of the Federal Court here against the registrars in Buncombe county, C. B. Bumgardner and R. J. Farrar, both of Asheville. The bills were drawn for violation of section 5510 of the Revised States, but no processes for arrest have yet been issued. There are two indications against Bumgardner and one against Farrar. The feature in this matter is the attitude of Mr. Holton. After court had met here and after the Charlotte court had indicted registrars in other countries, Mr. Holton was asked if any similar indictments would be found in this county. He disclaimed any knowledge that any were proposed. When these cases came before the grand jury Md. Holton was present and took an active part in the examination of witnesses, saying he had a right to do so.

—Greensboro *Record*: Mr. C. M. Hoyt, advanced agent for the Harris-Parkinson Company playing a week's engagement here, was arrested Saturday night on a warrant from Asheville charging him with abducting one of the two young girls from that place who were in Greensboro last week. Mr. Hoyt being a stranger in the city was in a box, knowing not where to find a bondsman, but Mr. H. H. Tate, local manager of the Grand, arranged to pay an officer to remain with him in his room until the arrival of the company here yesterday afternoon when a bond of $300 in cash was put up. Mr. Tate says he was with Mr. Hoyt on the street one day last week when these two girls accosted him and wanted to be given a place in the company, reminding him that they called on him in Asheville on the same errand They told him in answer to a question that they had run away from home, thereupon Mr. Tate says he urged them to return, warning them of the wrong of such a step and telling them that even if they knew anything about the theatrical business he would never employ them under such circumstances. His conduct was such as to impress Mr. Tate and he saved him from going to jail.

A Costly Mistake.

Blunders are sometimes very expensive. Occasionally like itself is the price of a mistake, but you will never be wrong if you take Dr. King's New Life Pills for Dyspepsia, Dizziness, Headache, Liver or Bowel troubles. They are gentle, yet thorough. 25c, at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. †

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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

[Quoted officially at the closing by the Chamber of Commerce.]

STAR OFFICE, December 16.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market firm at 51½c per gallon.

ROSIN—Market firm at $1.35 per barrel for strained and $1.40 per barrel for good strained.

TAR—Market firm at $1.60 per barrel of 280 pounds.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market firm at $1.75 per barrel for hard, $3.00 for dip.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine nothing doing; rosin firm at 95c@$1.00; tar steady at $1.20; crude turpentine quiet at $1.10 @3.00.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	18
Rosin	633
Tar	385
Crude turpentine	58

Receipts same day last year—23 casks spirits turpentine, 166 barrels rosin, 182 barrels tar, 76 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 8c per pound for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	5½ cts. ₱ lb
Good ordinary	7 " "
Low middling	7¾ " "
Middling	8 " "
Good middling	8 13-16 " "

Same day last year, market firm at 7¾c for middling.

Receipts—2,638 bales; same day last year, 805.

[Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants, prices representing those paid for produce consigned to Commission Merchants.]

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm. Prime, 60c; extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. Virginia—Prime, 60c; extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c. Spanish (new), 65@70c.

CORN—Firm; 65@67½c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 15@16c per pound; shoulders, 10@12½c; sides, 10@11c.

EGGS—Firm at 21@22c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Firm. Grown, 30@35c; springs, 12½@25c.

TURKEYS—Firm at 10@11c for live.

BEESWAX—Firm at 25c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5½@6¼c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Dull at 60c per bushel.

FINANCIAL MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Money on call—Market was steady at 4@6 per cent., closing offered at 4 per cent; time money easier—60 days, 8 per cent.; 90 days, 8 per cent.; six months 6 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 6 per cent. Sterling exchange was heavy, with actual business in bankers' bills at 486.75@486 875 for demand and 483 125@483.25 for sixty days. Posted rates were 484¼ and 488. Commercial bills 482½@483. Bar silver 48¾. Mexican dollars 37¾. Government bonds easier. State bonds—no report. Railroad bonds firm. U. S. refunding 3's, registered, 107¾; U. S. refunding 3's, coupon, 108¼; U. S 3's, registered, 107½; do. coupon, 107½; U. S. 4's, new registered, 135; do. coupon, 135; U. S. 4's, old, registered, 108½; do. coupon, 109½; U. S. 5's, registered, 108¾; do. coupon, 103¼; Southern Railway, 5's, 118¾. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio 94¼. Chesapeake & Ohio 45½; Manhattan L 143¼; New York Central 150¼; Reading 57½; do. 1st preferred 85; do. 2nd preferred 74; St. Paul 167¾; do. pref'd, 189; Southern Railway 30¾; do. pref'd 90¼; Amalgamated Copper ex dividend 55¾; People's Gas 100¼; Sugar 121; Tennessee Coal and Iron 53½; U. S. Leather 11½; do. pref'd, 86¾; Western Union 87¾; U. S. Steel 31½; do. pref'd 81; Virginia-Carolina Chemical 57½; do. preferred, 120; Standard Oil, 666@668

BALTIMORE, Dec. 16—Seaboard Air Line, common, 35@35¼; do. preferred, 43¼@43; bonds, fours, 82@82¾.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Rosin firm. Strained common to good $1 83¼@1 85. Spirits turpentine firm and quiet at 54¼@55½c.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 16.—Spirits turpentine and rosin unchanged.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 16.—Spirits turpentine quoted firm at 51½c; receipts 1,094 casks; sales 784 casks; exports 1,662 casks. Rosin firm; receipts 5,119 barrels; sales 3,820 barrels; exports 4,825 barrels. Quote: A, B, C, D, $1 45, E, $1 50; F, $1 55; G, $1 70; H, $2 00; I, $2 25; K $2 75; M, $3 25; N, $3 55; W G, $3 80; W W, $4 20.

MARINE.

ARRIVED.

Stmr A J Johnson, Robinson, Clear Run, W J Meredith.

Steamer Compton, Sanders, Calabash and Little River, S C, Stone, Rourk & Co.

Clyde steamship Oneida, Deveraux, New York and Providence, H G Smallbones.

CLEARED.

Stmr A J Johnson, Robinson, Clear Run, W J Meredith.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in the Port of Wilmington, N. C., December 17

STEAMSHIPS.

Europa, (Nor) 652 tons, Olsen, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Riverton, (Br) 2,236 tons, Williams, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Harbart, (Br) 2,149 tons, Bowling, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

SCHOONERS.

Havelock, (Br) 313 tons, Beery, J T Riley & Co.

Mabel Darling, (Br) 111 tons, Sweeting, J A Springer & Co.

Lillie, (Br) 311 tons, Davis, George Harriss, Son & Co.

Lottie R Russell, 363 tons, Sharp, J T Riley & Co.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

C. C. Railroad—137 bales cotton, 152 barrels tar, 23 barrels crude turpentine.

W. & W. Railroad—995 bales cotton, 17 barrels rosin, 23 barrels tar, 16 barrel crude turpentine.

W., C. & A. Railroad—1,262 bales cotton, 8 casks spirits turpentine, 74 barrels rosin, 120 barrels tar, 20 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—224 bales cotton, 5 casks spirits turpentine, 178 barrels rosin, 39 barrels tar.

Steamer Whitlock—20 bales cotton, 1 cask spirits turpentine, 64 barrels rosin, 13 barrels tar.

Steamer Black River—200 barrels rosin, 1 barrel tar.

Schooner Argyle—20 barrels tar.

Schooner Minnie Ward—4 casks spirits turpentine, 100 barrels rosin, 17 barrels tar.

Total—2,638 bales cotton, 18 casks spirits turpentine, 633 barrels rosin, 385 barrels tar, 58 barrels crude turpentine.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Flour was steady and a trifle easier. Wheat—Spot easy; No. 2 red 82¾c. Options experienced a bearish day and at times were quite weak under heavy selling for both long and short account, together with heaviness abroad, clearing weather West and outside support, closing easy at ½@½c net decline: May 81½c; July closed 78½c; December closed 83¼c. Corn—Spot quiet; No 2 64c. Options market was easier all day on large receipts, lower cables, the wheat decline and improving weather West, and closed easy at ½@½c net loss: January closed 55¼c; March closed 53¾c; May closed 48¾c; July closed 47½c; December closed 61¼c. Oats—Spot dull; No. 2, 37½c. Options were dull all day, easy with other markets; December closed 38¼c. Lard easy; Western steam $10 90; refined easy; continent $11 05. South American $11 80; compound 7½@7¾c. Butter steady; extra creamery 30c; State dairy 20@28c. Cheese firm; new State full cream, small colored fancy, September 13¾@13¾c; small white September 13¾@13¾c. Peanuts quiet; fancy hand picked 4¾@4¾c; other domestic 3¼@4¼c. Caobages steady; domestic, per 100, white $1 50@3 00; red $1 50@3 50. Coffee—Spot Rio quiet; No 7 invoice 5¼c; mild quiet; Cordova 7¾@12. Sugar—Raw steady; fair refining 3 7-16c; centrifugal, 96 test 3 15-16c; refined quiet. Freights to Liverpool—cotton by steam 12. Eggs barely steady; State and Pennsylvania average best 29c Potatoes quoted steady; Long Island $3 00@3 30; South Jersey sweets $2 50@4 00; Jerseys $1 75@2 05; New York and Western per 180 lbs., $1 50 @2 00. Molasses firm. Pork dull. Tallow quiet, Cotton seed oil continued very firm all day, with the demand very moderate. Closing prices: Prime crude here nominal; prime crude f. o. b. mills 30c bid; prime summer yellow 37@38; off summer yellow 36@37c; prime white 41@43c; prime winter yellow 42c; prime meal $27 00@27 50, nominal.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—Low prices prevailed to-day in grains on the Board of Trade. May wheat closed ½@¾c lower, May corn a shade lower and May oats off ¼@½c. January provisions were unchanged to 5c lower.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—Cash prices: Flour slow but steady. Wheat—No. 2 spring 74@76c; No. 3 spring 71@71½c; No. 2 red 74½@75¼c. Corn—No. 2 53¾c; No. 2 yellow 53¾c. Oats—No. 2 31¼c; No. 2 white 31½c; No. 3 white 32¾c. Mess pork, per barrel, at $17 00. Lard, per 100 lbs., $10 20@12 27½. Short rib sides, loose, closed $8 50 @8 75. Dry salted shoulders, boxed, $8 25@8 50. Short clear sides, boxed, $8 75@9 00. Whiskey—Basis of high wines, $1 32.

The leading futures ranged as follows—opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No. 2 December 74¾ @75¼, 75¼, 74¼, 74¾c; May 77¼@ 77¾, 78¾@78¾, 76¾, 77¼@77¾c; July 74¼, 74¼, 73¼@73¾, 74¼c. Corn —No. 2 December 55, 55, 53¾, 53c; January 47@47¼, 47¼, 46¼, 46¾c; May 43¼@43¾, 43¾, 43¼@43¾, 43¾@ 43¾c. Oats—No 2 December, new, 31¾, 31¾, 31½, 31¾c; May 33@33¼, 33¾, 32½@32¾, 32¾c. Mess pork per bbl—December $16 77½, 16 80, 16 67½, 16 67½; May $15 72½, 15 80, 15 62½, 15 80. Lard, per 100 lbs—December $10 25, 10 25, 10 20, 10 20; January $9 75 9 77½, 9 73½, 9 73¾; May $9 32½, 9 35, 9 12½, 9 22½. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—January $8 45, 8 47½, 8 40, 8 40; May $8 37½, 8 37½, 8 30, 8 30.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 16.—Cotton: Spot in fair demand, prices 4 points higher; American middling fair 5.20d; good middling 4.73d; middling 4.58d; low middling 4.46d; good ordinary 4.34d; ordinary 4.32d. The sales of the day were 10,000 bales, of which 1,000 bales were for speculation and export and included 8,600 bales American. Receipts 37,000 bales, including 29,800 bales American.

Futures opened firm and closed barely steady; American middling (g o c) December 4.52@4.53d; December and January 4.52d; January and February 4.52d; February and March 4.52d; March and April 4.53d; April and May 4.52@4.53d; May and June 4.53d; June and July 4.53d; July and August 4.53d; August and September 4.48d.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

LOW ROUND TRIP

Rates From Wilmington

Sixth Annual Exhibition, Charlotte Poultry Association, Charlotte, N. C., January 12th-15th, 1903. Dates of sale January 11th to 14th, inclusive. Final limit January 16th. Rate, $6 30.

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On Dec. 23, 24, 25, 30, 31 and Jan. 1, the Atlantic Coast Line will sell tickets to all points in territory of the Southeastern Passenger Association at rate of a fare and a third for the round trip, limited Jan. 3 Upon presentation and surrender of certificates signed by superinte dents, principals or presidents of schools or colleges tickets at this rate will be sold to teachers and students, Dec. 16 to 23, inclusive; limited Jan 8th.

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Statement of **Atlantic Trust & Banking Co.,**

Wilmington, N. C.

At close of business November 25th, 1902, condensed from report to Corporation Commission (Began business September, 1902.)

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans and Discounts	$196,723 67	Capital Stock	$ 50,000 00
Furniture and Fixtures	400 00	Profits, less expenses and taxes paid	4,667 84
Cash on hand, Due from Banks	3,019 68	Accrued Interest due to depositors	475 00
		Deposits	145,000 51
	$200,143 35		$200,143 35

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EQUINE INTELLIGENCE.

A Writer Who Believes That Horses Are Capable of Thinking.

There are people who deny that the horse is able to plot, to conceive or reason. Some horses are duller than others, and some apparently are better equipped for thought than the men in charge of them. You teach a horse to start or stop at a word, and acts of kindness or cruelty are seldom forgotten by him. At a farm that we visit a little girl who has given sweetmeats to spirited animals can take the greatest liberties with them. The stranger has to keep a safe distance from their heels, while she may crawl between their legs. They remember her acts of kindness and carefully avoid doing anything to harm her.

We have in mind a stallion who was harshly punished. He treasured up the act of injustice, and the author of his humiliation was compelled to keep aloof from him. His manner plainly indicated that the man would get hurt if he ventured within striking distance. This stallion trusts those who have shown him consideration and in the main is not a bad tempered horse. He appears vicious only to those who have treated him viciously. His knowledge of right and wrong suggests thought. It shows capacity to reason from cause to effect. Teach a horse as you would a child what to fear and what to do, and the lesson will never be forgotten.

Some horses cunningly open their stable doors by removing pegs with their teeth and thus put plan into operation. Their imagination is fired by beautiful scenery. Put one in a paddock where he can look out upon the hills and hear the birds sing and you will quiet his nervous system. In moments of contemplation he has the dreamy look of a poet.

About the only time that a horse forgets to think is when he surreptitiously finds his way to the well filled oat bin. He then does not eat in a rational way, but gorges himself to the danger point. This is an unmistakable evidence of weakness. And yet there are men endowed with intellect who have little or no control over their appetites. Absence of restraint at the feast marks the development of the human as well as of the equine race. In our judgment, the horse sometimes thinks.—Turf, Field and Farm.

GRANT AND OCHILTREE.

The Grievance the President Had Against the Colonel.

"After the war," said a veteran officeholder, "a warm friendship sprang up between General Grant and Colonel Tom Ochiltree, although they had fought on opposite sides. When Grant appointed a large number of people who had been under him to federal offices, he also appointed Ochiltree. Tom had been 'under him' in a sense. Tom was made United States marshal in Texas.

"Well, you know, in those days Tom took a very deep interest in the ponies and was a sort of patron saint of racing in the new southwest. He was so much admired by horsemen generally that it became quite the thing for owners to name their horses after him. At one time there were not less than a dozen horses running at various tracks under the name of Tom Ochiltree.

"Everything went lovely until Tom came up to Washington, several months after assuming his new duties. In the course of his visit he called at the White House for a conference with the president. After talking generalities for awhile Tom noticed that the president seemed to have something on his mind—didn't appear to be as frank and cordial as usual. He finally asked General Grant what the trouble was, hinting that the chief executive might not be satisfied with the manner in which the marshal's office was being conducted.

"'Well, I'll tell you,' said the president, 'I don't like the way you've been running about the country, following the races. I see by the sporting columns of the papers that first you are in Louisville, then you're in New York, next you're in Saratoga and next somewhere out west. I would rather you stayed at home and looked after your office.'"—Washington Post.

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Alcohol and Tobacco.

According to the London Lancet, when evil effects ensue from smoking tobacco they are very much intensified by indulgence in alcohol. Pyridine, the chief poisonous constituent of tobacco smoke, is not so easily soluble in water as in alcohol. Pyridine bases can be easily traced in the mouth of an immoderate smoker and especially the smoker of cigars. An alcoholic drink is, therefore, calculated quickly to wash out this poisonous oil and to carry it into the stomach.

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"Why don't you make a name for yourself?" asked the serious person.

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His Way.

Sabbath School Teacher—When very angry, what should you do?

Johnny Thickneck—Knock the other feller down, sit on his head and then count 200. That's the only safe way, ma'am.—Judge.

Severely Ill.

"It's sick you've been, Mrs. McGinnisay?"

"Sick, is it? I was that sick that I'd be a dead woman now if I hadn't 'a' lived."—Indianapolis News.

Blunders of Painters.

A picture representing the four elements was essayed by an Italian artist, and he selected fish to indicate the sea, moles the earth and a salamander fire. The chameleon was intended as the allegorical representative of the air, but the painter, having no model of this animal and knowing nothing about its shape, contented himself by introducing a camel. He probably thought in his ignorance that from a similarity of sounds they were one and the same animal.

Another painter in a picture of the crucifixion represented a father confessor holding out a crucifix to the repentant thief who was promised a place in paradise by the Saviour.

A Honeymoon Financier.

Judge Edwards of Lee county, who has married over a hundred couples since he has been ordinary, performed the ceremony recently for a runaway couple seated in a buggy in the public road.

The ceremony over, the bridegroom fumbled in his pocket and fished up 36 cents.

"Jedge," he said, "this here's all the money I got in the roun' worl'. Ef you're a mind to take it, you kin, but I'll say straightfor'ards that I'd done sot it aside fer the honeymoon expenses!"—Atlanta Constitution.

Disappointed.

"So you advise me not to sue?" said the client.

"I do," said the lawyer.

"Well," returned the disappointed client, "it seems strange that when a man pays for advice he can't get the kind he wants."—Chicago Post.

Heroic.

Gladys—Why did she ever marry him?

Ethel—Oh, he said he couldn't live without her!

Gladys—Well, she ought to get a medal for life saving.—Puck.

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Old Time Foods.

An old writer comments in the following quaint manner on the superiority of English food over that of the poor people in France: "They ate no bread that beans in were, but of cockelet or clermatyn or else of clean wheat—ne no piece of bacon, but if it be fresh flesh; other, fish fried, other, bake."

But, for all that, the impossibility of obtaining fresh fish daily forced the ordinary layman to fall back upon the salted article, and the consumption of badly salted fish has since been pointed out as one of the chief causes of the mediæval scourge of leprosy.—London Chronicle.

Heathenizing It.

"My friend," said the missionary who was trying to convert the wealthy mandarin, "do you not know that it is easier for the camel to get through the eye of the needle than"—

"Than it is for me," the mandarin interrupted, "to get through the need of an idol, eh? Very true."—Philadelphia Record.

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TRAIN 40 Leaves Charlotte 5:0 1A. M., Hamlet at 8:26 A. M., arrives Maxton 9:10 A. M., Pembroke 9:45 A. M., Lumberton 10 08 A. M., Wilmington 12.30 noon.

WESTBOUND FROM HAMLET

Hamlet	9 45 p m	7.40 a m
Ar Monroe	11 2 5 a m	9.15 a m
Ar Charlotte	....	10.30 a m
Ar Chester	12.51 a m	10.30 a m
Ar Greenwood	3.05 a m	12.37 p m
Ar Athens	2 52 a m	5 58 p m
Ar Atlanta	7.35 a m	4.00 p m

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Lv Hamlet	9.45 p m	7.35 a m
Ar Columbia	1.15 a m	11.00 a m
Ar Savannah	2.35 a m	4.55 p m
Ar Jacksonville	7.00 a m	9.15 p m
Ar Tampa	6.45 p m	6.00 a m

NORTHBOUND FROM HAMLET

Lv Hamlet	10.40 p m	7.50 a m
Ar Raleigh	1.30 a m	11.10 a m
Ar Norlina	3.32 a m	1.25 p m
Ar Portsmouth	....	....
Ar Norfolk	7.15 a m	5.35 p m
Lv Hamlet	10.40 p m	8.40 a m
Ar Raleigh	1.30 a m	11.45 a m
Ar Norlina	3.32 a m	1.35 a m
Ar Petersburg	5.53 a m	4.07 p m
Ar Richmond	6.30 a m	4.55 p m
Ar Washington	10.10 a m	8.30 p m
Ar Baltimore	11.25 a m	11.25 p m
Ar New York	4.15 p m	6.30 a m

Train 40 leaving Hamlet at 8.25 a. m. takes passengers from train 31, leaving New York at 12.35 p. m.; Baltimore at 5.45 p. m.; Washington 7.00 p. m.; Richmond 10.37 p. m.; Portsmouth 9.05 p. m.; Norfolk 8.30 p. m.; Raleigh 4.15 a. m., arriving at Hamlet at 7.00 a m. From train 38, leaving Atlanta 1.00 p. m.; Athens 2.57 p. m.; Chester 4.15 a. m.; Charlotte 5.01 a. m.; Monroe 5.40 a. m.; arriving Hamlet 7.50 a. m.

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At *7:00, 9:00, *10:00, 11:00 A. M. *12:00, 1:00, *2:00, 3:00, *4:00, 5:00, *6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00 P. M.

LEAVE WRIGHTSVILLE FOR WILMINGTON.

At *8:00, 10:00, *11:00 A. M. 12:00, *1:00, 2:30, *3:30, 4:30, *5:30, 6:30, *6:30, 7:30, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30 P. M.

LEAVE WRIGHTSVILLE FOR OCEAN VIEW.

At 9:30, *10:30, 11:30 A. M. *12:30, 1:30, *2:30 3:30, *4:40, 5:30 P. M.

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At 9:45, *10:45, 11:45 A. M. *12:45, 2:15, *3:15, 4:15, 5:15, *5:45 P. M.

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Leave Tenth and Princess streets every day, every half hour from 4:00 P. M. to 5:30 P. M. Last car leaves Cemetery 5:35 P. M.

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Ar Weldon	4.33 p m	1.45 a m
Ar Petersburg	6.52 p m	3.25 a m
Ar Richmond	7.45 p m	4.07 a m
Ar Washington	11.40 p m	7.54 a m
Ar Baltimore	1.33 a m	9.10 a m
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Ar Richmond	6.56 p m	8.30 a m
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Ar Rocky Mount	10.07 P m	12.50 p m
Ar Wilson	10.48 p m	1.46 p m
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Ar Tampa	.....	7.00 p m	10.00 p m

NORTHBOUND.

	Daily Ex. Sunday.	Daily.
Lv Tampa	8.05 p m	9.30 a m
Ar Jacksonville	7.30 a m	7.00 p m
Ar Savannah	1.10 p m	1.15 a m
Ar Charleston	5.15 p m	6.25 a m
Ar Florence	8.03 p m	9.45 a m
Ar Wilmington	11.45 p m	1.40 p m

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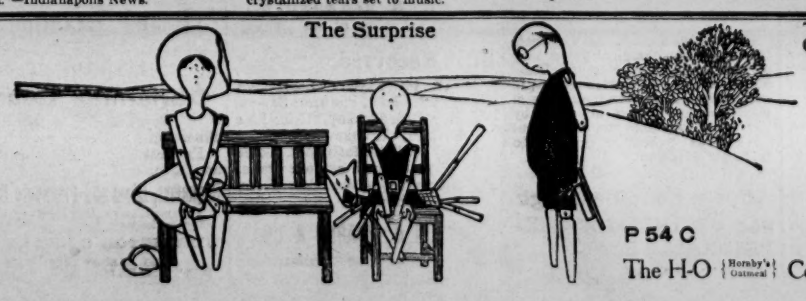

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WEDNESDAY MORNING, DEC. 17.

SENATORS DISCUSS THE VENEZUELA SITUATION.

Matter Brought Up in Executive Session Tone of All Speeches Was That Our Position be One of Watchfulness

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The Venezuelan question occupied the attention of the Senate in executive session to-day for almost an hour. The question came up informally almost immediately after the public was excluded.

Senator Teller, disclaiming all intention of being critical and saying he merely desired information, asked Senator Cullom chairman of the committee on foreign relations, what information he possessed as to the Venezuelan affair. Mr. Teller, in inquiring, said that the situation is such that Senators felt the Monroe Doctrine at any time might become involved if the complication should continue.

Senator Cullom replied to the inquiry that he had no knowledge of recent events not contained in the public prints. Messrs. Bacon, Hoar Lodge and Stewart and others made remarks. In none of the addresses was anything harsh or critical said. The tone of all the speeches, by Republicans or Democrats, was that our position as a nation should be one of watchfulness. There was a general agreement that while the means adopted by Great Britain and Germany for the collection of their debts had been quite strenuous, they thus far had committed no infringement of the Monroe Doctrine and therefore had done nothing to which the United States could take exception. This was the position of Senator Cullom, as it was of other Senators who spoke. Mr. Cullom said that much light as to the attitude of the administration could be obtained by consulting the correspondence conducted between the State Department and the German ambassador a year ago. He then called attention to the fact that on December 10th, 1901, the representative of Emperor William had brought the matter of Venezuela's debts and her apparent indifference to them to the attention of the Secretary of State. The German ambassador said that for seven years Venezuela had failed to pay interest on a debt to German citizens of about $5,000,000 contracted in the construction of a railroad, and that in addition there were other debts, amounting to about $1,700,000, due German citizens from Venezuela, which it had proved impossible to collect. He added that every known peaceable means had been tried to secure the money and that his government, feeling that patience had ceased to be a virtue, had decided to use coercive means. It was desired, however, he said, that it should be explicitly understood that in whatever steps might be taken by his country there was no desire to encroach on or interfere with the Monroe Doctrine.

Secretary Hay replied, December 16, 1901, saying in effect that the Monroe Doctrine was not intended to shield any American nation from the payment of its honest debts, and that its purpose was to prevent the acquisition of territory by Old World nations.

Senator Bacon, of Georgia, a leading minority member of the committee on foreign relations, said that on a question of this kind there was no party division, that everybody would stand with the administration in doing what was best for the general good. There was no desire on the part of any one to embarrass those who were in control of affairs, and upon whom devolved the duty of protecting American interests. The maintenance of the Monroe Doctrine, he added, devolved on the whole people.

Senator Stewart dwelt somewhat on the bombardment of the Venezuelan fort and said that incident should be accepted by our government as a warning of what this country might expect whenever excuse might offer. He gave as his reason for his admonition the fact that our recent acquisition of territory had aroused the jealousy of all the European powers and that they might attack us at any time. "Not in two generations," he said, "could we build up a navy equal to that of Great Britain, but we can strengthen our coast fortifications, and in view of Venezuela's experience, it behooves us to do so."

As there was no formal question before the Senate the matter was dropped.

PULLIAM CONVICTED.

Found Guilty of Embezzling $7,000 From the Asheville Bank.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Dec. 16.—Lawrence Pulliam, late cashier of the First National Bank of Asheville, N. C., was to-night found guilty of embezzling $7,000 from that institution some years ago. He will be sentenced to-morrow, when his counsel will likely appeal to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals at Richmond, Va. Pulliam has been on trial in the United States District Court here for about a week.

POSTOFFICE ROBBED.

Burglars Carried Off $800 in Stamps and $400 in Money

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

RICHMOND, VA., Dec. 16.—At Big Stone Gap early this morning burglars blew open the safe in the postoffice, taking about $800 in stamps and $400 in money. They entered the room by boring out a panel in the door. The postmaster had received a large supply of stamps from the department last night which had not been invoiced. The same gang a little later entered a hardware store and got $100 in money.

The Senate in executive session yesterday ratified the treaty of friendship and general relations between the United States and Spain.

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ISTHMIAN CANAL COMMISSION

Senator Morgan's Bill Fixing Salaries. Enormous Payments So Far Made. Militia Bill---Appropriation Bills Considered in the House.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—In the Senate to-day Senator Dillingham concluded his remarks in opposition to the Omnibus Statehood bill, and by unanimous consent it was agreed that there should be no further discussion of the measure until the Senate reconvened on January 5th. Senator Teller wanted to submit some remarks in reply, he said, to the slanders of the Committee on Territories and of Senator Dillingham, but the senators insisted that the agreement not to further discuss the bill should be adhered to.

Senator Morgan, of Alabama, criticised the salaries paid the isthmian canal commission. Senator Morgan asked that his bill, fixing the salaries of the isthmian canal commission at $5,000 a year, be referred to the Committee on Inter-Oceanic Canals. He said he had been informed that the present commissioners were paid $1,000 a month each, and that their service had extended over twenty-nine and a half months.

In response to an inquiry from Mr. Hale, Mr. Morgan said that out of the twenty-nine and a half months the commission had spent six weeks in Nicaragua and two weeks in Panama.

"That is a very remarkable statement," said Mr. Hale.

"It is a true one," replied Mr. Morgan, "and shows the necessity of our doing something to regulate these expenses."

Continuing, Senator Morgan said it was necessary, "in advance of striking one lick" on that canal, to make such provision as will prevent the United States from running into the terrible iniquities of the old Panama Canal Company, as well as the new one. He said there had been spent on that canal $260,000,000 and there was nothing to show for it except two-fifths of a ditch dug there which was filled up to a large extent.

The bill was referred as requested.

For half an hour the militia bill was up, Mr. Bacon of Georgia occupying the time in opposing the section which provides for a reserve force of trained men, pleading its unconstitutionality.

Several bills and resolutions were passed and after a brief executive session the Senate adjourned.

House Proceedings.

The House to-day passed the bill transferring from the Treasury Department to the Department of Agriculture the power to establish regulations for the suppression of contagious diseases among live stock and devoted the remainder of the day to the legislative appropriation bill, upon which rapid progress was made.

MORE TESTIMONY FOR MINE WORKERS.

President Gompers Declared Coal Companies Responsible for Bringing Immigrants to Coal Regions.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SCRANTON, PA., Dec. 16.—Notwithstanding the fact that the mine workers announced yesterday that they had closed their case with the exception of calling one more witness, the entire two sessions of the strike commission to-day were consumed in hearing three witnesses for the men. They were John C. Haddock, an individual operator; Rev. Dr. Peter Roberts, who is assisting the miners, and President Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor. The principal point in Mr. Haddock's testimony was that he favored giving the mine workers concessions under certain conditions. President Gompers testified as an expert on the trade union movement. He created a stir when he strongly implied during his examination that the coal companies are responsible for bringing immigrants to the coal regions. When one of the lawyers for the coal companies asked him if he knew it from personal knowledge, he said he could prove it, if necessary.

The miners made another attempt to-day to have the commission admit as evidence a large mass of testimony tending to show that the anthracite coal carrying roads charge extortionate and discriminating freight rates, and that a monopoly exists in the anthracite mining industry which keeps the wages of men at an unnaturally low level. The commission again decided that the evidence must be limited to the scope of the commission and that if it did take up the claims made in the evidence proposed to be submitted, the justifiableness of the mine workers demands would still remain.

Chairman Gray, who is taking an especial interest in boycotts, asked Mr. Gompers what he thought of such methods. The witness said he would boycott any person that is unfair to his workmen, but would not boycott a man who chose to do business with the person that is boycotted.

Mr. Gompers was then cross-examined by James Torrey, counsel of the Delaware and Hudson Company. Mr. Torrey asked the witness if he did not believe that members of the United Mine Workers of America should be twenty-one years of age and able to read and write before they are admitted to membership in the Union.

To this the witness replied: "Yes, ten years from now and when the companies stop bringing illiterate foreigners to this country. They are brought here by the companies and the labor union must protect them and see that they get their rights."

At the morning session Chairman Gray said the commissioners were impressed at the spectacle of the little girls who testified that they worked all night. He said the people of the community and citizens of the commonwealth should not let the incident pass without taking some steps to have the Legislature of Pennsylvania seriously consider the enactment of a law that will forbid the employment of children at night. At the suggestion of the commission the statements of the wages of the fathers of two of the girls were presented. One earned more than $1,000 last year and the other over $900.

The board of aldermen of New York has voted $250,000 to buy coal for the poor of the city. The resolution passed last week voting $100,000 for this purpose was re-called.

The Italian minister to Venezuela, Signor de Riva, has received orders from Rome to leave Caracas this morning. He will go on board the Italian cruiser Giovanni Bausan at LaGuaira.

PROPOSAL TO ARBITRATE VENEZUELAN TROUBLE.

Negotiations Still Pending—Idea Prevailing That It is Too Late to Arbitrate. Germany's Position on Question.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The Italian ambassador to-day called at the State Department and advised Secretary Hay that Italy has joined the allies in the operations against Venezuela. He requested that Mr. Bowen assume charge of the Italian interests in Venezuela and the secretary granted this request, subject to the approval of Venezuela. Italy enters the combination on the same plane as to abstention from territorial seizures as Germany and Great Britain.

Failing to hear from Europe as to Mr. Bowen's proposal to arbitrate the Venezuelan troubles, Secretary Hay to-day addressed cablegrams to the United States ambassadors at London, Berlin and Rome, instructing them to call the matter again to the attention of the governments to which they are accredited, with a view to securing an early expression of opinions from them.

The Italian ambassador explained to Secretary Hay that it had been the hope of the Rome government at first to reach a satisfactory settlement of her claims against Venezuela, such as France had secured. To this end a polite but firm note was addressed to the Caracas foreign office after the ultimatums of Germany and Great Britain had been sent. Pending a reply to this note the Italian authorities did not resort to drastic measures. When the reply came, it was found to be not only a rejection of all Italy's demands but its tone was wholly displeasing, and it was therefore necessary for Italy to follow suit with Germany and Great Britain and join in the allied naval demonstration.

So far as Secretary Hay's proposal to the powers for arbitration is concerned, it is learned from an official source that in view of the fact that the allied powers have agreed to assist each other in the pressing of the claims against Venezuela, there is the feeling that the reply of Germany, Great Britain and Italy should be unanimous.

Before leaving this morning the Italian ambassador gave Secretary Hay every assurance that his government wished to act strictly in accord with President Roosevelt's interpretation of the Monroe Doctrine. One of the comforting features of the day's developments to the official mind was the receipt of an intimation that so far as Great Britian was concerned, she was disposed to accept the view of the State Department here as to the limitations of a "peaceful blockade." That is to say, the disposition is to avoid interference with neutral merchant shipping where its movements do not give actual aid to the Venezuelan government.

BERLIN, Dec. 16.—Minister Bowen's communication to Germany through the United States government in behalf of President Castro, received here yesterday, was a simple proposal to arbitrate the questions in dispute and was not accompanied by any conditions.

The German government has not yet replied to President Castro's offer of arbitration, being still in correspondence with the British government on the subject. It is intimated that Germany's reply is not likely to be ready for some days. The opinion in the Cabinet appears to be that President Castro's proposals are merely a movement in a game designed to see what Germany and Great Britain are now willing to do and as a test also of American public feeling. The prevailing idea here at present is that it is too late to arbitrate and that the acceptance of the offer to do so would place Germany in the position of having put her hand to the plow and as looking backward.

THE PLAGUE AT NEW YORK.

Three Cases Under Treatment in Quarantine Hospital—Brought From South Africa on Steamer Saxon Prince.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Three cases of bubonic plague are under treatment in the Swinburne Island hospital at quarantine. The sufferers are the first and second cooks and the second steward of the Prince Line steamer Saxon Prince, which arrived from Durban, South Africa, yesterday, when on inspection of the crew three were found to be ill. A thorough examination of the patients convinced Health Officer Doty that they had all the symptoms of the plague and they were taken to Swinburne Island, where cultures were made. The result of the examination to-night confirmed the diagnosis made at the inspection.

The history of the cases makes a complete chain of infection from the time of the exposure of the first man at Durban to the time of arrival. The crew were ashore at Durban and it is undoubtedly there that the disease was contracted. One patient is convalescent, but the other two are still under treatment. All three men slept together in a small compartment. The total number of the crew is thirty-one. There are five passengers on board, a woman and four children.

The steamer will be sent to sea to discharge the water and sand ballast taken on board at Durban. She will then return to quarantine, when the passengers and crew will be transferred to Hoffman Island, where they will be held for ten days for observation. The effects of all will be thoroughly disinfected, and the steamer will be washed and disinfected in every part before being released.

Dr. Doty says that there is no danger of a spread of the plague as the whole matter is well in hand.

SOUTH CAROLINA APPOINTMENTS.

Grum to be Collector at Charleston—V. P. Clayton to be U. S. Marshal.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—While no official announcement has been made it is understood that the President has decided to appoint Dr. W. D. Crum, the colored applicant, as collector of the port of Charleston, S. C. Investigation of the charges involving the integrity of Dr. Crum has been made by the President and it is stated they have been found to be unwarranted. Unless other charges are made and substantiated the President, in accordance with his original intentions, will appoint him.

It is understood also that the President will appoint V. P. Clayton as United States marshal of South Carolina, to fill the vacancy made by the death of Marshal Cunningham. Mr. Clayton was Marshal Cunningham's first deputy and is now acting marshal.

Confirmations by the Senate: Lloyd C. Griscom, minister to Japan; Micah J. Jenkins, collector of internal revenue for the district of South Carolina.

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SITUATION GROWING ACUTE.

Important Cabinet Meeting Held—No Apprehension of Serious Trouble—But There Will be No Recession Regarding Venezuela.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Disposition of the men-of-war of Admiral Dewey's fleet during the holidays is to be made under the direction of the Secretary of the Navy, in view of the increasing complications arising in connection with Venezuela and the wish of this government not to arouse suspicion unnecessarily by dispatching a large naval force to Venezuelan waters.

Admiral Dewey cabled the department yesterday in regard to the orders for his fleet during the Christmas holidays, though Secretary Moody did not announce the receipt of the dispatch until to-day. Orders are now in preparation for the various vessels and will be forwarded to the admiral in the next day or two.

No reflection upon Admiral Dewey is intended by the Navy Department in deciding to draw up the orders for his ships instead of giving him a free hand in the matter, as it was expected would be done. That there may be a thorough co operation of the navy with the State Department in the handling of the Venezuelan situation, however, it seemed that the question could be more satisfactorily settled here, as the Navy Department is in possession of all the facts regarding the action of the allied powers, and danger of conflicting with the policy of the State Department will be averted.

It is unlikely that men-of-war will be sent to LaGuaira, the feeling being that the presence of American men-of-war at this time might cause uneasiness among the allied powers as well as offer encouragement to President Castro to maintain his defiant attitude. On the other hand, the situation has grown so acute within the past few days that both State and Navy Department officials are agreed that it will not be unwise to rendezvous the fleet in ports within easy range of the Venezuelan coast.

Cabinet Meeting Held.

President Roosevelt and his cabinet held one of the most extended and important meetings to day that has been held this Fall. Foreign affairs practically consumed the entire time of the session. The Venezuelan situation was discussed in all its phases. From an authoritative source the information is obtained that there will be no recession on the part of this government with respect to questions involving Venezuela or any of the other governments of South or Central America as laid down by the President in his message to Congress. Every detail of the developments in the Venezuelan situation is being scrutinized with the utmost care.

No Apprehension of Trouble.

It can be stated authoritatively that no apprehension exists in the minds of any of the administration officials that serious trouble growing out of it will accrue to this country. It is believed that both Great Britain and Germany will act within the arrangement which originally was presented to this government and to which the United States passively assented.

The treaty with Cuba, which was negotiated in Havana by Gen. Bliss and which arrived in Washington in General Bliss' hands to day was presented to the cabinet and considered in detail.

It is ready for presentation to Congress and probably will be transmitted to the Senate within twenty-four hours. It is regarded as highly important that it should be ratified promptly, as the Venezuelan situation emphasizes the necessity for coaling stations in Cuba.

Further Coercive Measures.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—Replying to a question in the House of Lords to-day, Lord Lansdowne, the foreign secretary, said that if the seizure of the Venezuelan gunboats did not produce the desired effect further coercive measures would be employed. The matter had been considered in consultation with Germany and it had been decided to resort to a blockade of the ports. It was not intended to land a British force and still less to occupy Venezuelan territory.

Replying to a question in the House of Commons to-day, under Foreign Secretary Cranborne said no attempt had been made by Great Britain to refer the dispute with Venezuela to arbitration.

BERLIN, Dec. 16.—Secretary Hay's note excepting American ships from certain restrictions of the Venezuelan blockade is favorably received by the German government. The Foreign Office treats the matter as not raising any essential difficulty and as being within precedent, since Germany made a similar reservation in the Cretan blockade. The precise status of American vessels under the blockade will be defined in an official notification.

No Nearer Settlement.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—Judging from statements given out by the Foreign Office, the Venezuelan situation to night does not appear to be any nearer a settlement. Up to a late hour to-night no suggestion has been made that Great Britain could eventually see its way to submitting its claims to arbitration and the Foreign Office points out that Venezuela's offer to arbitrate is extremely vague. The Foreign Office claims that some matters are impossible to arbitrate, instancing the disrespectful treatment of Mr. Haggard, British minister to Venezuela, and all of his representations.

It is known that the Foreign Office has made inquiry as to whether the United States would be willing to guarantee the fulfilling of Venezuelan pledges, either at the immediate cessation of the present European action or pending the award of arbitrators. This inquiry resulted in a direct negative from the United States. With the guarantee of the United States the Foreign Office says arbitration in the Venezuelan matter would be a probability, but with only the word of a government hitherto unreliable, arbitration is difficult of acceptance.

The Spanish minister to Venezuela and the Belgian charge d'affaires have presented a joint letter to the Venezuelan minister of foreign affairs, in which they ask in case the claims of other foreign powers are paid by Venezuela that the same treatment given those powers be accorded to Spain and Belgium.

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RAILROAD FREIGHT RATES.

Interstate Commerce Commission Investigating Recent Advances.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—An investigation into the advance in freight rates on grain and grain products, dressed meats and provisions from the Mississippi river, Chicago, etc., to New York and Eastern points, governed by the New York rate, was begun to-day by the Interstate Commerce Commission. The testimony showed that $400,000 revenue would be added to the profits of one road alone by the contemplated increase. It was claimed that the advances were justified by the increased cost of operations.

STEAMER FOUNDERED.

Sixteen Men, Officers and Crew, Believed to Have Been Drowned.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—A dispatch to the *Central News* says that sixteen men, officers and crew of the British coal steamer Marley, are believed to have been drowned as a result of the foundering of their vessel. The Marley left Liverpool for Dublin, loaded with coal, yesterday evening. She experienced heavy weather in mid-channel. A life boat was lowered, but was washed away with one man in it. This sailor was rescued; he declares that he saw the Marley founder.

WARM WIRELETS.

At Natchez, Miss., Allison E. Blandes, a 16-year old boy, in defence of his mother, shot and instantly killed his step-father, Albert Clements. A coroner's jury returned a verdict of justifiable homicide.

Judge Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the United States Steel Corporation, announced the purchase of the Union and Sharon plants of the Union Steel Company near Pittsburg, the transaction involving a bond issue of $45,000,000.

General Saint-Foix Colin, minister of the interior and opponent of Gen. Nord in the contest for the presidency of Hayti has sought refuge in the United States legation, at Port-Au Prince. There has been much firing in the city and a state of great excitement prevails.

General George Moorman, adjutant general of the United Confederate Veterans, died suddenly last night, aged 61 years. He was on the staff of General N. B. Forrest and other Confederate leaders during the war. He expired while at his desk in his New Orleans office.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

☞ NOTICES For Rent or Sale, Lost or Found, Wants, and other short Miscellaneous Advertisements inserted in this Department, in solid Nonpariel Type, for 1 cent per word each insertion; but no advertisement taken for less than 30 cents. Terms positively cash in advance.

To-day at auction will be sold a nice little house on Fourth street, between Bladen and Harnett 19 M., Court House door. dec 17 1t

If you wish to enjoy solid comfort heat your bath room with a gas radiator. Consolidated Railways, Light and Power Co. dec 17 1t

Mechanics Home Association opens a new series of Building and Loan stock twice a year (January and July). The 25th series will be opened January 3rd, 1903. Payments 25 cents a share per week. N. Jacobi, President. W. M. Cumming, Secretary. we fr sa dec 10 14t

Wanted—12 sales ladies at Kress' 5 and 10 cent Store. Apply at once. dec 7 tf

For Sale—Horse, Buggy, Surry and Harness. Horse perfectly sound, a good roadster and anybody can drive her. B. F. King. dec 2 tf

Wanted—A trustworthy gentleman or lady in each county to manage business for an old established house of solid financial standing. A straight, bona fide weekly salary of $18.00 paid by check each Wednesday with all expenses direct from headquarters. Money advanced for expenses. Manager, 350 Caxton Bldg., Chicago. dec 2 1m

Call at Winstead's for all kinds of foreign and domestic fruit; Bananas a specialty No 213 Market and 715 North Front street. Bell Phones 203 and 637. oc 19 tf

Sewing Machines, Typewriters, Organs and Furniture repaired, cleaned and revarnished; Upholstering done also. H. J. Gruman's headquarters for Wall Paper. J. B. Farrar, No. 8½ North Second street. my 16 tf

New Grocery!

This is to inform my friends and the public generally that I have opened at No. 15 North Second street a first class Family Grocery, where I am prepared to furnish the trade everything new and fresh in Fancy Groceries, Country Produce, Cigars, Tobacco, etc.

C. O. ALEXANDER.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec 1st, 1902. dec 3 tf

Just Received.

New lot Library Lamps. A beautful lot of Pictures; Enamel Beds from $3.75 up. Nice Line Rockers, Trunks and Stoves. New lot Felt Mattresses. Come and see us and get our prices. We guarantee to undersell any firm in the city.

GASTON D. PHARES & CO.

Inter-State 'Phone 76. 110-112 Market street. sep 14 tf

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If you have some to sell ship it to us and will allow you

27 1-2c Per Lb.,

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REPORT

OF THE CONDITION OF THE ATLANTIC National Bank, of Wilmington, N. C., at the close of business, November 25, 1902.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts		$1,162,406 63
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured		940 32
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation		98,100 00
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Stocks, securities, etc		18,069 63
Banking house, furniture, and fixtures		20,000 00
Other Real Estate owned		10,000 00
Due from National Banks (not Reserve Agents)		91,631 63
Due from State Banks and Bankers		113,906 79
Due from approved reserve agents		106,304 86
Notes of other National Banks	$10,000 00	
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents	1,854 16	
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz: Specie	$34 545 00	
Legal tender notes	161,200 00	147,599 16
Redemption fund with U. S. Treas'r (5 per cent. of circulation)		4,700 00
Total		$1,945,078 52

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in		$ 125,000 00
Surplus fund	$125,000 00	
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	35,757 08	160,757 08
National Bank notes outstanding		98,100 00
Due to other National Banks	271,853 09	
Due to State Banks and Bankers	267,541 70	
Dividends unpaid	192 00	
Individual deposits subject to check	801,050 99	
Cert fied checks	4,696 30	
Cashier's checks outstanding	44,887 56	
United States deposits	173,800 00	1,564,221 44
Total		$1,945,078 52

State of North Carolina, county of New Hanover, ss.:

I, Andrew Moreland, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ANDREW MORELAND, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of November, 1902.

W. C. ARMSTRONG, Notary Public.

CORRECT—Attest:

C. W. YATES, R. A. PARSLEY, GEO. R. FRENCH, } Directors.

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We Will Bond You.

The United States Fidelity and Guarantee Company, Home office, Baltimore, Md.

Paid Up Capital, $1,500,000

Surety Bonds.

Fidelity Contract Judicial,

Judicial Bonds executed without delay. State and county offic als bonded.

Burglar Insurance.

Banks, Stores, Residences insured against burglary or theft.

Correspondence solicited.

C. D. WEEKS, General Agent, Wilmington, N. C.

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Call and Examine Our

FINE LOT OF

Christmas Goods.

Royal Cluster Raisins.

Finest Seeded Raisins and Currants.

Freshest Nuts of all kinds, shelled and in the shell.

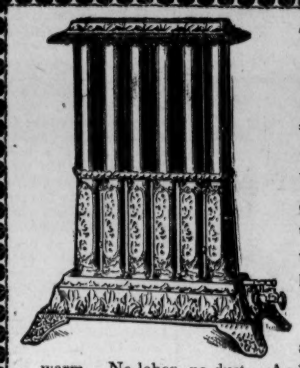
Roquefort, Edam and Pineapple Cheese,

and almost every other article in our line for the Holidays.

WILMINGTON GROCERY CO.,

JNO. L. BOATWRIGHT, Manager.

Both 'Phones No. 14. dec 16 tf



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when the cool evenings come in the Fall. When you just want to "take the chill off." Not cold enough to build a fire in that dirty old furnace, but your husband wants a comfortable sitting-room to read his evening paper in.

IN TEN MINUTES

at the longest, your room is cheerfully warm. No labor, no dust. And when it is warm enough, just turn off the gas. Call and let us show you our Gas Radiators.

CONSOLIDATED RAILWAYS. LIGHT AND POWER CO.

For the Christmas Holidays

AND PRESENTS FOR OLD SANTA CLAUS.

Wilmington's Big Racket Store

Can offer you the best selection and the greatest variety of any Store in the State.

In buying your toys we would ask you to compare our prices with other's prices. In dolls, we have the handsomest line we have ever had. Nice jointed dolls, 14 inches long, at 25c each; 15-inch kid dolls at 25c each; kid dolls with hair at 12c each. Very handsome handwork dolls, with natural hair and sewed wigs, jointed, at $1.00, $1.70 and $2.00. With long flowing curly hair and movable eyes, as pretty as a dream, at $2.75 and $3.50 each. For the boys, air rifles, foot balls, games, express wagons, drums and plenty of fireworks of all kinds.

And the best thing of all, we have a big stock of Boys' Clothing that we bought at 25 per cent. less than value. An all wool suit, nicely made up, as low as $2.00 and up to $5.00; 500 suits to select from. In Boys' Pants, we have the best stock we have ever had, made from mill ends of American Woollen Company's cloths, every pair made with tape seams throughout and warranted not to rip. We sell them for 50c a pair. A nice line of Boys' White Laundried Waists at 50c; heavy Cheviot Waists at 25c each.

Ladies' ready-to-wear Hats—We are having a regular Hat sale; a very large line that we are selling at less than manufacturer's cost. Nice pretty hats at 48c; regular $1.50 hats for 75c and 89c; our $1 hats are $2 values. In this line we consider we are selling them at half-price.

Received to-day, a big line of birds and parrots—good black parrots 50c each; large birds are 69c and 98c each. In veilings we have lots of different styles; chiffon veilings with dots at 25c per yard, in all colors; pretty silk veiling for 10c per yard.

In ladies' Cloaks we have had a phenomenal success this season; we have carried the stock of the town. Just received, 21 new cloaks to-day. Our prices are what counts—when a customer gives us an opportunity to show our goods and make a price we never fail to make a sale.

We have good beaver coats in red, blue, tan and black, at $2.98. A line of black beaver coats in the newest shapes at $3 50; better coats at $5, $6 and up to $10 each.

In furs we are showing a nice assortment and selling them at the lowest prices. If you are thinking of buying a fur, come to see us—the prices run from $1 to $5 each.

Trunks and Valises—These make valuable presents. We have a nice line of very fine Trunks that would be a credit to give your friends. We have a line of the best roller tray Trunks, worth $9 to $15 each. Splendid canvas Trunks, with brass locks and heavy straps, at $3 and up to $5 each. Nice heavy leather Suit Cases for $6.95, regular $10 cases. Club Bags, all leather, from 85c to $4 each; imitation leather, from 29c to 98c; imitation leather Suit Cases for $1.50 each.

In our Men's Clothing Department our sales have been the best we have ever known. In this department we credit our great success to the style, quality and fit of our goods and the last and best feature is, we undersell our competitors. We can fit you in a suit anywhere from $1.98 to $12 50; we would like for you to look at them before you buy elsewhere. Men's Overcoats, we have all grades and kinds, all prices, from $3 to $12 50 each. We also have a line of Rubber Clothing; men's water-proof coats, rubber lined, at $1 50 each; Mackintoshes, with cape, at $1.39 each; Ladies' Gossamers at $2.50 and $3.50 each; a workingman's coat for rainy weather at $1.50 each; a doctor's or sea captain's coat, absolutely water proof, for $5.

We want to impress on your mind that while we handle a big line of toys and holiday goods we also handle a big line of other goods for every purpose and we punch cards and give you presents free. Come and see us.

GEO. O. GAYLORD, PROPRIETOR.

Wilmington's Big Racket Store,

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HAT SALE!

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY

WILL BE THE BIG HAT SALE

I bought out the entire stock of a manufacturer of ready-to-wear Hats. Can sell them for less than half price.

A $1 Hat for 48c and $2.50 to 3 00 Hat for 98c. I have now over 900.

They Will Be Sold Tuesday and Wednesday.

Have also received a big lot of fine Skirts, Monte Carlo Coats, Automobile and Ragland Coats

Ladies' Black Peau-de-Soie Silk Waists.

Ladies' and Gent's Silk Handkerchiefs.

All at half price.

The Paris Millinery Emporium,

129 Market Street, Next Door to Bonitz House, Wilmington, N. C.

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One Price Marked in Plain Figures. **DO YOU KNOW?** Liberal Terms to the Right People.

If you give a woman a dress, cloak or any article of wearing apparel as a Xmas or anniversary gift she may not tell you so, but she will "sniff up her nose," and say to herself "I had rather bough this myself"—it is not a gift any way because I would have got it all the same"—give the same woman a Parlor Suite, Sideboard, Hall Rack, China Case, Rocker, or anything of a like kind to adorn and beautify the home, (women's heaven and man's comfort) and for at least a week the days would glide softly by and life would be worth the living. Try it at a cost of from $1.00 to 100 00 and satisfaction guaranteed, or money refunded.

N. F. PARKER,

Furniture and Furniture Novelties, 111 Market St.

Bell 'Phone 613. Inter-State 421.

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For Christmas!

What better Christmas present for a boy or girl than a deposit in The Wilmington Savings and Trust Company. "As the twig's inclined, so grows the tree." The boy who begins a savings bank account when young can accumulate a snug capital with which to begin business by the time he is a man.

Deposits made on or before January 2nd, 1903, will bear interest from that date.

The Wilmington Savings & Trust Co.

J. WENORWOOD, President. H. WALTERS, Vice President.

dec 14 tf C. E. TAYLOR, Jr., Cashier.